

## Hindu Politician Dr. Mahesh Malani Becomes First To Win National Assembly General Seat In Pak Polls



Dr. Mahesh Kumar Malani of the Pakistan Peoples Party's (PPP) has become the first Hindu candidate to win a National Assembly seat, 16 years after non-Muslims got the right to vote and contest on general seats in the country.

Mahesh Kumar Malani contested and won the National Assembly (NA-222) Tharparkar-II seat in southern Sindh province, after defeating 14 candidates, the Dawn reported.

He received 1,06,630 votes while his opponent, Arbab Zakauallah of the Grand Democratic Alliance, garnered 87,251 votes.

Mr Malani, a Pakistani Hindu Rajasthani Pushkarna Brahamin politician, was a member of parliament from 2003-08 on a reserved seat, nominated by the PPP.

In 2013, Mr Malani became the first non-Muslim Member of the Sindh Provincial Assembly after winning the Tharparkar-III general seat of the Sindh Assembly.

He had served as the chairperson of the Sindh Assembly's Standing Committee on Food, apart from being members of various standing committees during the last government's tenure.

He has defeated the local landlord Arbab Zakauallah by huge margins & ended their monopoly of 50 years in Tharparkar dist.. Arbab family members have been winning the elections of Tharparkar dist. since last 3 generations.

Dr. Mahesh Malani is very popular in among all voters of Tharparkar dist, irrespective of any caste, religion, community, region or affiliation. He has done many works for development of region in the field of Healthcare, Education, Employment, Roads, Drinking water, Sanitation etc. Dr. Mahesh Malani s' & Tharparkar region name is associated with DEVELOPMENT all over Sindh. He is called as Development Man & Tharparkar as model constituency. District Hospital Mithi has heavy OPD rush from other districts also. Mithi college students shine in pre medical & pre engineering exams in State.

Dr. Malani is native of MITHI town of Tharparkar Dist.. He is Medical doctor by profession & alumni of Liaquat Medical college Jamshoro Sindh. During his social visit to India in 2015, LMC Alumni Association & THARI Samaj has arranged meeting with him.



LMC Alumni Association India President Dr. Nandlal Harani told that there is atmosphere of joy & happiness among all doctor friends & they have congratulated to Dr. Mahesh Malani & his elder brother Ranomal for this great victory. THARI Samaj India President Mahadev Kojhrajmal informed that all Thari Samaj families are over joyed to hear the good news of winning in National Assembly. He further said that blessings of HARDAS BHAGAT will be on all THAR Samaj & congratulated Bhagat Maturam, Malani family & all voters of Tharparkar on this historic occasion.

Malani family entry in politics started with his father Shri Mahadev Malani , who was member of local town committee. Main person was his brother Late Amar Jagdish Malani, who had worked with PPP Leader & former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto. His other brothers were also closely associated with PPP.

Non-Muslims got the right to vote and contest on general seats of the parliament and provincial assemblies in 2002 after the then president Gen (retd) Pervez Musharraf made amendments in the Constitution.

They also have reserved seats in the Senate, national and provincial assemblies.

Ten seats are reserved for minorities in the National Assembly, which are allotted to parties on the basis of the number of seats they have in the parliament.

Women and non-Muslims in Pakistan get two opportunities to become a lawmaker: first by contesting elections on 272 general seats from anywhere and after getting the nomination from a party having representation in the National Assembly.

Dr. Mahesh Malani 'relatives live in Khairthal Rajasthan & Ahmedabad Gujarat. They are very happy & distributed the sweets , once they heard the news of historic win. They wish him many more successes in future.

March this year, PPP's Krishna Kumari from Tharparkar became the first Hindu woman to be elected to the Senate. She was elected to a reserved seat for women from Sindh.